

America's College Promise Act of 2023

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The America's College Promise Act of 2023 will make the skills and credentials necessary to succeed in our economy more accessible to all students, no matter their income or background. By creating a new federal-state partnership to provide two years of tuition-free community or technical college, America's College Promise will train tomorrow's workforce without saddling students with insurmountable debt.

Specifically, the America's College Promise Act of 2023:

- Creates a partnership between the federal government and states to waive tuition and fees for two years of community and technical college programs for eligible students, while promoting key reforms to accelerate student success;
- Creates a sliding scale for federal share beginning at 100% for the first year and ending at 80% for the fifth and subsequent years;
- Ensures that programs offer academic credits that are transferable to four-year institutions in their state, or occupational training that leads to recognized credentials;
- Maintains and encourages state funding for higher education;
- Establishes a student success fund to improve enrollment, retention, transfer, or completion rates and labor market outcomes for underserved student populations, including students of color and low-income and first generation college students, who attend community and technical colleges at disproportionate rates;
- Waives two years of tuition and fees for eligible students at tribal colleges and universities; and
- Establishes a new grant program to provide pathways to success at historically black colleges and universities and minority-serving institutions by covering a significant portion of tuition and fees for the first two years of attendance for low-income students.

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